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1. USINT PREPARED IMMEDIATELY TO NOTIFY BY TELEGRAM
ALL SUBSISTENCE LOAN PAYEES OF DEPARTMENT DECISION TO
TERMINATE PROGRAM. NOTIFICATION WOULD INCLUDE A BRIEF
OUTLINE OF ALTERNATIVES FOR OBTAINING SUBSISTENCE FUNDS
VIA FAMILY REMITTANCE MECHANISM OR SCS TRUST.

2. HOWEVER, SINCE NEXT AND FINAL PAYMENTS ARE SCHEDULED TO
BEGIN 5 MAY, ONLY 15 DAYS HENCE, WE URGE DEPARTMENT TO
EXTEND PAYMENTS THROUGH JUNE TO ENABLE PAYEES WHO HAVE
RELATIVES IN U.S. WILLING TO HELP TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE
ARRANGEMENTS. REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPLY.

3. IT IS NOT SURE THAT GOC WILL PERMIT THESE CITIZENS TO
RECEIVE REGULAR REMITTANCES THROUGH NATIONAL BANK OF CUBA.
IN ANY CASE, BANK TRANSFER PROCEDURES WILL LIKELY BE CUMBER-
SOME AND ENTAIL SOME BANK FEES. IT IS THEREFORE POSSIBLE
THAT SOME TRANSFERS WILL FLOW INSTEAD THROUGH SCS TRUST
MECHANISM. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ANSWER

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IN DETAIL INQUIRIES FROM INTERESTED RELATIVES IN U.S. AS

TO PROCEDURES FOR BGTH SCS AND THIRD COUNTRY BANK TRANSFERS.

4. DEPARTMENT IS OF COURSE AWARE THAT THIS DECISION WILL
BE SEVERE ECONOMIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL BLOW TO MANY
RECIPIENTS. THEY HAVE BEEN GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY DEVELOPMENTS

FOLLOWING RICHMOND-NOLAN VISIT, INCLUDING INVITATIONS TO A
MAJORITY OF THEM FROM CUBAN IMMIGRATION TO FILL OUT NEW
DEPARTURE APPLICATIONS ONCE AN INDIVIDUAL HAS FORMALLY
REQUESTED DEPARTURE FROM CUBA HE RISKS LOSING HIS JOB AND,
IF UNEMPLOYED, HAS DIFFICULTY GETTING EMPLOYMENT. PRESSURES
MAY THEREFORE NOW BE INTENSE FOR SOME TO ABANDON THEIR APPLICATIONS
FOR REPATRIATION IF NOT INDEED THEIR AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP.
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